

Base Ball at Fair Grounds.

Because of the refusal to allow the use of Athletic field, Sunday ball games will be played during the summer at the fair grounds on East Main street. It is hoped that some good games may be put on every week during the year.

Auto Accident.

An automobile carrying James Greengood, Clara Smith, and Misses Caroline Karrer and Grace Bessinger struck a telephone pole on West Main street, Sunday evening, throwing the occupants out except Miss Karrer, and injuring all, though not seriously. The machine was badly damaged.

Rebs Owosso Residence.

A thief entered the home of John McCall, 606 Lee street, Sunday evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, and took a \$10 bill, rings, two sets of rubies, and silverware. Entrance was gained through a woodshed window and the man was seen disappearing as the family came to the house on their return. No trace of the thief has been found.

No Cause for Action.

The jury in the case of Franklin Prussia of Detroit, against Orla and Robert Bailey of Byron, brought in a verdict Monday in the circuit court of no cause of action. Prussia sued to collect \$500 he claimed was due on a note in connection with the purchase of a farm by the defendants. They claimed they had paid the note and the jury believed them.

Thirty-Third Infantry.

The Third Infantry, Michigan National Guard, in which Company H of Owosso belongs, will hereafter be known as the Thirty-Third Michigan Infantry. Lieut. Charles Lahmann of the company, has been ordered to Detroit to act as instructor on the rifle range. The Owosso company will receive rifle instruction and practice on the new range, June 27 and 28.

Bugbee-VanLew.

The marriage of Arthur M. VanLew and Miss Elizabeth Bugbee was solemnized at the Congregational parsonage Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. C. H. Hanks. After a short wedding trip they will be at home in Detroit. The groom is a nephew of Mrs. M. D. Corey of this city, and the bride is a granddaughter of H. Bugbee, Grand River road. Both formerly resided here.

DETROIT-OWOSSO.

Electric Line Company Files Its Incorporation Papers at Pontiac.

Geo. W. Eyster, Raymond G. St. John and Geo. H. Lau, as incorporators of the Detroit-Pontiac-Owosso Railway Co., which filed its incorporation papers at Lansing July 10, 1914, has filed the articles with the county clerk at Pontiac, and it is stated that arrangements for the construction of the line may be completed this summer.

Elks' Officers Appointed.

Exalted Ruler A. L. Nichols announces that the following appointments have been made for the year: Chaplain, Hugh M. Nichols; esquire, Geo. C. Reineke; inner guard, Earl F. Hall; house committee, Jas. G. Rigley; L. A. Sanderhoff; E. H. Stander; entertainment committee, J. Edwin Ellis, L. C. Hall, Geo. C. Reineke; auditing committee, Jay Matteson, A. H. Dumond, J. A. Byerly.

The entertainment committee announces a ladies' evening for May 25.

Medical Society.

The Shiawassee County Medical society held its monthly meeting at the Hauck hotel Tuesday evening. Twenty-one physicians attended, those from out of the city being Drs. Bailey and Parker, Corunna; Carney, Hixon and Rowley of Durand; T. C. Carney of Lennon; Eldred of Chesaning; White of New Lothrop and Soule of Henderson.

Dr. Warnshuis of Grand Rapids read a highly interesting and instructive paper on the business side of the practice of medicine.

After the meeting lunch was served at Connor's cafe.

Sugar Company Wins.

The D. G. H. & M. Ry. sued the Owosso Sugar Company to collect demurrage charges of \$54. The Sugar Company put in a counter claim of \$500 for the cost of re-refining sugar which was spoiled by the cyclone Nov. 11, 1911. A jury in the circuit court last Friday gave the Sugar Company a judgment of \$500 and allowed the railroad's claim of \$54. The car was on an Ann Arbor railroad sidetrack on the night of the cyclone and the D. & M. railroad company claimed that as it had not been delivered to its track it was not liable.

Five Months in Workhouse.

Charles Fallis of Owosso, was sentenced to serve five months in the Detroit House of Correction by Judge Miner, Monday, for a violation of the local option law. The local officers are pleased that Fallis is to be properly punished as he was a persistent bootlegger, and was arrested for a second offense while out on bail on a first local option violation charge. Fallis' stock was thought to have been kept buried on the farm of Mrs. Alta Bowles east of the city.

Corunna Memorial Program.

Memorial Day will be observed as usual in Corunna under the auspices of H. F. Wallace Post G. A. R., and the W. R. C. W. A. Seegmiller of Owosso, will deliver the address of the day. The Seegmiller boy scouts of Owosso, will lead the procession at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to the bridge, when the tribute will be paid the sailor dead. At Pine Tree cemetery appropriate services will be held and then a program carried out at the casino at McCurdy park. At noon a dinner will be served in honor of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

OFFENDERS SENTENCED.

Frank Slusser, who pleaded guilty to a violation of the local option law, was placed on probation until Sept. 20, Monday, by Judge S. S. Miner. It was evident that Slusser, who had recently become a partner in the Rex cafe in Owosso, was unaware that liquor was being sold there.

Louis Lavigne, dope fiend and thief, pleaded guilty before Judge Miner Monday in the circuit court, and was sentenced to six months in the Detroit house of correction.

No Half Holiday.

The retailers' monthly banquet was held at the Connor cafe Monday evening, about forty being in attendance. The question of a half holiday each week during July and August was discussed, but it was decided not to close as it would not be advisable to urge shoppers to come to Owosso and then have stores closed even for a half day a week. It was voted to close at 11:30 instead of 12 o'clock Memorial day. A bargain day to be known as "dollar day" was discussed, some strong opposition developing, but it was voted to have such a day later in the year.

Four essays on "Why Owosso people should trade at home," were read and prizes awarded.

PREMIUMS FOR CORN

Detroit Financial Institution Offer Cash Prizes for Michigan-Grown Yellow Dent Corn.

Three Detroit institutions—the Union Trust Company, The Peoples State Bank and the First & Old Detroit National Bank—have provided a fund from which will be paid a first premium of ten dollars (\$10.00) and a second premium of five dollars (\$5.00), to the Michigan farmer of each of the following counties exhibiting the first and second best bushel of Yellow Dent Corn at the State Fair this fall, the awards to be made by the State Fair judges. The following are the counties: Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Sanilac, Haron, Tuscola, Genesee, Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson, Ingham, Shiawassee, Saginaw, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton.

George E. Lawson and W. T. Bradford, Members of the Committee of Agricultural Development, State Bankers' Association, Michigan.

King's Daughters.

At the regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters held at the home of Mrs. W. A. Seegmiller, Friday, with 23 members in attendance, the following were elected delegates to the county convention at Vernon, May 19: Mesdames Izor, Campbell, Sherman, Payne, Southard, Wiley, Conn, Seegmiller, Crowe, Vreeland, McLaughlin, Kohler and Euler. Alternates, Mesdames Calkins, Paige, Godfrey, W. B. Smith, Thomas, Wolaver, Hume, Frank Smith, Allen, Walsh, Zimmerman, Fred Woodard, Pardee and Hoffman.

The resignation of Mrs. M. L. Izor as president of the circle was accepted. Mrs. M. W. Southard, vice president, is in charge of the affairs of the society. Reports were made of much good accomplished during the past month, including the payment of \$30 of hospital expenses for a cancer sufferer, adjustment of a claim against a girl who had lost goods she had purchased, and the helping of a family in which the mother and child were ill.

Rev. J. G. York announced Thursday that he would not withdraw his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, which he presented some time ago.

Owosso Bowlers Banquet.

Practically the entire membership of the Owosso Bowling League enjoyed a most sumptuous dinner served by the Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church at the Parish house, Monday evening. Following the dinner, H. A. Brown proprietor of the Brunswick Bowling alleys, presented the prize to Team No. 5 which won this year's contest, and Team No. 3 was presented by President John Murray with the trophy for the highest total of pins. Officers for 1915-1916 were elected as follows: President, C. Z. Tompkins; vice president, C. E. Rigley, Jr.; secretary, Dr. G. N. Finch; treasurer, E. M. Lampkin. It was voted to give a tournament with suitable prizes during the Christmas holidays this year. Next year's teams will be arranged by the officers of 1914-1915 and 1915-1916. The same schedule and rules will be used in the next season's contest.

The individual averages of the league bowlers for the season recently closed, are as follows:

Hume, 171; Rentschler, 168; C. Sackrider, 167; Eddy, 166; C. P. Bentley, 165; Murray, 165; Ellis, 160; Honey, 160; Shattuck, 159; H. Parker, 157; G. P. Sackrider, 157; E. Hall, 156; Tompkins, 154; Stanton, 154; Nichols, 152; Matteson, 152; Lampkin, 151; Allison, 151; Payne, 150; Taylor, 150; Finch, 149; Murphy, 149; L. C. Hall, 148; Wren, 148; McDonald, 147; L. Parker, 147; Benninger, 146; J. O. Parker, 146; J. M. Bentley, 144; Valentine, 144; Stinson, 142; C. E. Rigley, 142; Byerly, 142; J. Rigley, 142; Dewey, 140; Carey, 140; Osburn, 137; Reineke, 137; Fritz, 135; Willson, 130.

The team averages are as follows: Team No. 3, 775; team No. 7, 757; team No. 1, 755; team No. 5, 754; team No. 6, 753; team No. 4, 750; team No. 8, 739; team No. 2, 736.

ADDRESS OWOSSO BOYS.

Prof. J. B. Davis of Grand Rapids, Will Be Speaker at Elks' "Big Brother" Banquet May 17.

The Owosso Elks' "Big Brother" committee, consisting of Judges Matthew Bush and G. F. Friegele and J. G. Rigley, has received the acceptance of Prof. J. B. Davis of the Grand Rapids high school to an invitation to address Owosso boys on "Success, How Can I Attain It," following a banquet to Owosso young men at the Elks' temple, Monday, May 17. Boys in the eighth grades and high school and other young men from 16 to 20 years of age who do not attend school, will be invited. The banquet will be served at 6:30. In the fall a similar banquet and address will be given to boys outside of Owosso in Shiawassee county.

Maccabees Tent to Consolidate.

A disposition for the consolidation of Wilson Tent No. 189 Knights of the Modern Maccabees and Owosso Tent No. 56, Maccabees of the World, has been issued by G. S. Lovelace, great commander for Michigan, effective June 1st. The former tent has a large membership in this city and the latter a comparatively small one. The change will be for the best interest of the order and for the membership. The Maccabees are now the strongest adequate rate society in the country and the consolidation will make the local tent stronger and enable it to carry on the fraternal work much more economically and effectively than with two tents.

Card of Thanks.

To my many friends, neighbors, several Farmers' Clubs, Ladies' Aid Society, Three W Club, Maple River Welfare Association, Owosso Grange and Board of Directors of Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Genesee and Shiawassee counties, who assisted us by their kindly ministrations and beautiful floral offerings, also Rev. Hanks and the singers for their comforting words and songs, in our recent bereavement, we wish to express our profound appreciation and thanks.

Mrs. P. B. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Reynolds.

Receives Second Prize

At the regular cantonment of Canton No. 9, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., held Wednesday night, Capt. H. M. Bauslaugh made the following report:

At the request of the Canton at Ithaca, a drill team from this canton took part in the competition drill in connection with the Gratiot county association's celebration of the ninety-sixth anniversary of the order.

The result of the competition was: Special score, Canton Pine River, No. 47, Alma, 91.4 points out of a possible 100, 575; Canton Semper Fidelis No. 9, Owosso 81 1/4 points, 2d prize, 350.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF GIFT

And Commend the Public Spirit-ness of Shiawassee County Citizens—Other Cities Asked to Follow Example of Owosso.

The letters published below from Brigadier General John P. Kirk and Colonel M. J. Phillips, acting adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard, to Mr. A. M. Bentley of this city, expressing satisfaction over the outcome of the endeavor of the citizens of Owosso and the county to provide sufficient money to ensure the erection of an armory which will not only meet every need of Company H but which will serve the people of the entire county as a meeting place for large public gatherings, as a home for the G. A. R., W. R. C., and Spanish war boys, and is a civic center for the men of the county who may wish to avail themselves of the privileges which will be offered to the membership—either active or honorary of Company H—will be read with interest by every citizen.

While in California a year ago Mr. Bentley wrote a member of the local armory committee that he would be pleased to provide a suitable town clock for the new armory providing the plans were drawn to give a place for the same. Prices were obtained showing that such a clock would cost about \$2,000. When his attention was directed to the desirability of a modern swimming pool for the building and to the advantage it would be to the members of Company H and to the boys and girls of the community who might wish to learn to swim, Mr. Bentley promptly said he would be pleased to make a donation for that purpose instead of for a clock, and his gift not only enables the committee to have incorporated in the plans a pool to cost \$6,000 but it rounded out the required \$15,000 needed to secure from the state the additional \$15,000 granted by the Martin bill, thus making possible a \$45,000 building. The letters follow:

Headquarters Mich. National Guard, Ypsilanti, Mich., May 6, 1915.

My dear Mr. Bentley:

Ever since negotiations have been pending for the construction of the armory at Owosso the Board has had frequent occasion to make favorable comment upon the enterprise and public-spiritedness of the citizens of your city and county. Owosso first purchased a site which cost, I understand, about \$4,000. In addition, the sum of \$4,500 was contributed in cash and Shiawassee county added \$8,500 more. This made a total of \$17,000 raised by a city of ten thousand people and a county of about thirty-five thousand. We have been holding the example of your community up to other more populous company stations in the state as one worthy of emulation.

The confidence that they would be able to raise the large sums necessary, as shown by the Owosso committee, was rather a mystery to us until we learned that they had an incentive in the form of a promise from you of an additional \$2,000. This sum, which you so generously forwarded to us last Saturday, rounded out the offering of the city and county and made possible the securing from the state of a sufficient sum to erect a building that will not only be a splendid armory, but a monument to civic enterprise and a social center as well.

In behalf of the governor and the state military board, and all citizens who believe that an efficient National Guard is one of the bulwarks of the national safety, I wish to thank you and congratulate you, not only for the monetary gift itself but for the fine spirit which prompted it.

Very sincerely yours,
John P. Kirk,
Brigadier General, Chief of Staff,
Michigan National Guard.

Lansing, Mich., May 6, 1915.
Mr. Alvin M. Bentley,
Owosso, Mich.

My dear Mr. Bentley:

The following is an extract from the proceedings of the special meetings of the State Military Board, held at Detroit on Saturday, May 1, 1915. On motion of Major Phillips, supported by Colonel Covell, a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. A. M. Bentley of Owosso, for his generosity in giving to the armory fund the sum of \$2,000.00. "Carried, the entire Board voting affirmatively."

I take great pleasure, as a citizen of Owosso as well as an officer of the National Guard, in forwarding to you this extract from our records.

Very sincerely,
M. J. Phillips,
Acting Adjutant General.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Agnes Beehler Ran in Front of Machine on West Main Street.

Agnes Beehler, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beehler, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon on West Main street, in front of the Whitehead pharmacy, when she ran into an automobile driven by T. J. Perkins of Bennington, and was knocked down and run over by the machine, her skull being crushed on a street car rail. Mr. Perkins was driving slowly east and the child accompanied by her older sister, was returning home from St. Paul's parochial school, and having waited for a wagon to pass, ran into the road without noticing the approaching automobile. Her sister had preceded her and was across the street ahead of the machine. Dr. Harry Arnold was in Whitehead's store and he hurried to the child but found her dead. The body was taken to the Knapp & Smith undertaking parlors as it was not deemed advisable to take her home where her mother has been seriously ill for some time. Mr. Beehler, who is employed by the Robinson Polishing Machine Company at its shop a few doors west of where the accident occurred, was notified and ran to the scene.

The funeral was held Friday morning from St. Paul's Catholic church.

A coroner's jury found no blame attached Mr. Perkins.

DANGEROUS FIRE

Damages Arcade Restaurant Building and Contents.

A fire of unknown origin starting at 8:45 Monday evening, requiring an hour's work by the fire department to put out, damaged the two story frame Arcade restaurant building on South Washington street to the extent of several hundred dollars and spoiled furniture and household goods in the second story, and property and stock in the restaurant valued at \$1500. The fire was discovered by a passer-by coming from the upstairs windows and the smoke was so dense that the firemen could not locate the blaze, so were compelled in order to protect surrounding property to turn streams of water into the building until the fire was drowned out.

The restaurant was conducted by Mrs. Nettie Johnson, and she and her brother lived on the second floor. The building is owned by Mrs. B. S. Sutherland and both carried insurance which will cover the losses.

Hose was laid across the track on Washington street and the street car company bridged the hose and ran the Corunna car across safely, but an attempt to run the big interurban across resulted in a break in the hose and a shower bath for a hundred of the thousand or more people who gathered from the moving picture theatres and autos to watch the fire.

U. S. WILL DO RIGHT.

Judge Weist Has Faith the United States Will Not Make Mistakes—Malleables Sidetrack Matter Settled—Recommend City Aid to Choral Union and Band.

At the Improvement Association dinner Tuesday, Judge Howard Weist of Lansing, made a short talk on the war situation as it affects the United States, believing that this country will be the largest factor in a reasonable settlement of the difficulties. The United States has always brought about which was right and will do so again; hasty decisions are dangerous. He complimented the association and spoke highly of the city.

E. O. Dewey, chairman of the special committee to settle the matter of damages to property of L. C. Hall by reason of running a side track to the American Malleables Co. plant, reported that Mr. Hall asked \$300 and had given \$100 of the amount, W. F. Gallagher and the Malleables Co. had given \$50 each and the other \$100 was being raised. The track is being constructed.

The Improvement Association was unable to give financial assistance to the Choral Union, but it approves the work, recommends that the City Commission appropriate money for Choral Union concerts in winter and band concerts in summer.

H. B. Sturtevant was called to Glen-gary, Wednesday, by the death of his brother, Fret Sturtevant, who was burned to death when his home was consumed Tuesday night. The brother lived alone, was over 70 years of age, and had suffered a slight stroke of paralysis.

C. C. Duff, Dr. A. L. Arnold and Dr. F. F. Hoyer were in Detroit on business this week.

JOHN A. WATSON DEAD.

Ex-Sheriff Succumbs to Apoplectic Stroke After Two Year Fight for Life.

Bancroft, May 12.—John A. Watson, a former sheriff of Shiawassee county and of late years in the general merchandise business in this village died at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained Monday afternoon. He failed to regain consciousness after being stricken and slowly sank to his death. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 8 o'clock at his home with burial at Mt. Morris.

Mr. Watson had been in poor health since a year ago in January, when he suffered his first stroke of paralysis. For weeks he lay in a critical condition and his recovery was despaired of. He fought bravely for life, however and eventually regained his strength and was able to return to his business. He suffered several light strokes after that however. The death of his wife, something over a year ago, at her own hands, while mentally unbalanced, was a terrible blow to Mr. Watson and he never was the same after that. His father, W. A. Watson, was killed by a freight train at Bancroft just four weeks ago Wednesday and this was a hard shock for Mr. Watson. While he had displayed hope and courage previous to that, he seemed to give up after his father's death and his relatives could see him gradually failing. Monday afternoon however, he was feeling as well as usual, and returned to his store after dinner. He remained only a short time, however, returning to his home because of feeling poorly.

Mr. Watson was born in Unadilla, Livingston county, forty-eight years ago. He remained there until his father moved to Bancroft in 1877 and established a general store. The elder Mr. Watson was the first man to sell merchandise in Bancroft.

Mr. Watson remained in Bancroft until January 1, 1907, when he assumed the office of sheriff, to which he had been elected the fall previous. He was re-elected two years later. It was during his administration that the big trainmen's strike on the Grand Trunk railroad occurred and Sheriff Watson asked the governor for state troops to prevent threatened riots. A regiment of National Guardsmen was mobilized at Durand and remained there several days, while a big force of special deputies, worked under Mr. Watson during the strike.

At the expiration of his term on December 31, 1910, Mr. Watson accepted a position on the road but soon returned to Bancroft where he went into business with his brother, Mark Watson.

The deceased was a member of the



JOHN A. WATSON

Elks lodge at Owosso, the Corunna commandery, Knights Templar, the Bancroft lodge, F. & A. M. and of the Maccabees. He is survived by his daughter, Miss Harriet, six years old, now attending school at Kalamazoo; two brothers, Mark and W. O. Watson of Bancroft; and two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Martin of Bancroft and Mrs. A. A. Reeves of Rochester, N. Y.

Epworth League Officers

The Epworth League of the First M. E. church held its annual election of officers Tuesday evening in the church parlors. The following officers were elected:

President—Howard Whiteherse.
1st Vice Pres.—Mabel Bower.
2d Vice Pres.—Hazel Greenwald.
3d Vice Pres.—Ethel Shadbol.
4th Vice Pres.—Ivah Scott.
Secretary—Bessie Forrester.
Treasurer—Gertrude Hahn.
Planist—Agnes Canfield.
Chorister—Juanita Trask.

The reports of the various departments show the league to be in a good condition, and the ensuing year promises to be one of unusual activity.